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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Dissemination for OBI Production

1. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SURVEY: The NIS is a digest of basic intelligence concerned with the natural features, fundamental characteristics, and basic resources of a foreign country or area. The Program was initiated by NSCID and subsequently re-affirmed by USIB Directive. The NIS is produced on a coordinated, inter-departmental basis in support of high-level operational planning and the development of foreign policy. For purposes of characterizing their dissemination, NIS publications are of five series:

a. General Survey. A concise, single-volume intelligence analysis of geographic, transportation, telecommunications, sociological, political, economic, scientific, and armed forces factors of foreign countries, the NIS General Survey is produced on a worldwide basis. It is disseminated to high-level planners as well as to desk analysts. Current production is 30 per year.

Dissemination ranges from 400 to 550 copies depending on area, being greatest on Communist countries, particularly the U. S. S. R. and Communist China.

Copies of all General Surveys are disseminated to the White House, Office of the Vice President, State Department, DIA, other DoD agencies, USIA, NSA, OEP, NSC, Bureau of the Budget, and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. General Surveys are also disseminated to other government departments and agencies on a selected country basis.

b. Supporting Detailed Sections: Selected detailed topical NIS Sections are produced in support of the General Survey (see attachment 1). Current production is about 200 per year.

Dissemination ranges from 250 to 450 copies, depending on area and topic, and again is greatest on Communist countries.

Supporting units on all areas and topics are disseminated to the White House, State Department, DIA, other DoD agencies, and USIA.



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Dissemination to other government departments and agencies is on a selected country and topical basis; in addition to the high-level planner, it includes the operational planner and desk analyst.

c. Ocean Areas: The NIS on Ocean Areas describes the marine climate and oceanography of the world's ocean basins and considers their environmental effects on military operations, giving special attention to selected straits. Current production is about 3 per year.

Dissemination ranges from 225 to 300 copies, depending on ocean basin, and is greatest for the Pacific.

Copies on all basins are disseminated to the White House, State Department, DIA, Navy, NSA, and Interior (Fish and Wildlife Service). Additionally, NASA receives copies on selected ocean basins.

In addition to high-level planners, the principal users include Fleet Intelligence Centers and the Integrated Operational Intelligence Systems.

d. Factbook: The Factbook is a compact single-volume component of the NIS Program and provides semi-annual updating of the type of basic data appearing in the Area Brief of each General Survey. It is a ready reference used at all planning and research levels.

1550 copies are disseminated on a Governmentwide basis. Defense and State Departments are the largest consumers.

e. Gazetteers: The Gazetteer is issued as a standard component of the NIS for all countries and lists official standard names approved by the U. S. Board on Geographic Names. Gazetteers on about ten countries are produced each year. For each country 300 copies are disseminated on a Governmentwide basis. In addition, copies are made available to requesting universities, libraries, and research activities.

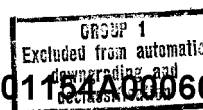
2. Additional NIS dissemination is as follows:

a. Pursuant to USIB-D-51, 3/16, one to twenty copies of certain uncontrolled NIS units are disseminated routinely each year

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b. On an ad hoc basis, 500 to 1,000 NIS units are released to Defense contractors annually by the NIS Committee.

c. As the result of supplemental requests, some 10,000 additional copies (all topics and areas) are disseminated annually. Attachment 2 shows the supplemental dissemination by area for the period 1 July 1965 - 31 January 1966.

3. INTELLIGENCE MAP PROGRAM ON COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
(samples attached):

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a. [REDACTED] 1:250,000, Codeword intelligence map series on the USSR: This series was developed in 1961 to provide accurate, up-to-date maps of the USSR that would show all significant intelligence targets and constitute a comprehensive all-source summary of evaluated intelligence for use by research, estimates, and operations planning activities of the Intelligence Community. The Army Map Service is responsible for the base map, and CIA is responsible for all intelligence on the maps. 733 sheets, covering about 45% of the USSR, have been printed. The program is now being phased out to permit concentration on production of the sanitized (SECRET NOFORN DISSEM) series. Dissemination (by DoD) has been primarily to CIA, DoD, NPIC, [REDACTED]

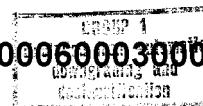
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25X1A2g b. [REDACTED] Strategic Area Series (Codeword): Sheets in this series, generally produced at scales of 1:50,000 or 1:100,000, cover the highest priority intelligence targets in the USSR and China including ICBM, MRBM, and AMM sites as well as missile test ranges. The sheets are produced individually on request from Military-Economic Area (ORR), OSI, and DIA. Dissemination (by DoD) has generally been the same as that of the [REDACTED] series. 25X1A2g

25X1A2g c. Special Intelligence Graphic: USSR (N505) and Communist China (L5011). This map series is a sanitized SECRET version of the [REDACTED] maps on the USSR and Communist China. It is intended to meet the priority intelligence requirement for SECRET-level detailed maps on denied areas in support of research, estimates, and operations planning. AMS is responsible for the base maps and CIA is responsible for all intelligence appearing on the maps. Coverage of the USSR and Communist China is to be completed by 1971; subsequent coverage of other areas is possible. To date, 149 sheets on the USSR have been printed. Dissemination (by DoD) is wide and is expected to get more so; at present it includes DoD (200 copies), State, NSA, AEC, [REDACTED]

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4. GEOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDA (GM's): (sample attached). These are ad hoc reports that compactly record and interpret environmental factors bearing on foreign developments of major security interest to the U. S. Some GM's cover individual factors, such as borders (International Boundaries of Indochina; China's Boundary with the USSR: Sinkiang) and ethnic groups (Overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia; National Minorities in Eastern Europe); other GM's provide more general area assessments (Republic of the Congo; Kashmir; the Gaza Strip). About 90 copies of the reports go outside CIA on standard distribution, 34 to Defense and the rest in ones and twos throughout the remainder of the Intelligence Community. The reports are designed to provide policy-level officials in the Government with definitive geographic intelligence bearing on current matters of priority security interest.

5. GEOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE REPORTS: (sample attached) This series comprises studies in depth of foreign geographic subjects having intelligence significance. The reports are ad hoc and because of staffing limitations appear rarely. Examples are: Territorial and Sovereignty Problems of the Arctic (requested in 1960 by State), Transition in Tibet (1962, self-initiated), and Soviet Probable Target Location Errors in Geodetically Positioning Minuteman Missile Launch Sites (1963, self-initiated). A standard distribution list is available for the reports, with about 140 copies going outside of CIA (101 to DIA, 11 to State, 5 to NSA, the rest in ones and twos throughout the Intelligence Community), but a limited dissemination will be made when the nature of the report subject recommends it. The series is designed to make the results of basic research and intelligence maintenance generally available where they shed new light on intelligence problems, and where they significantly strengthen the Community's data base. Consumers are mainly working analysts and intelligence reference libraries.

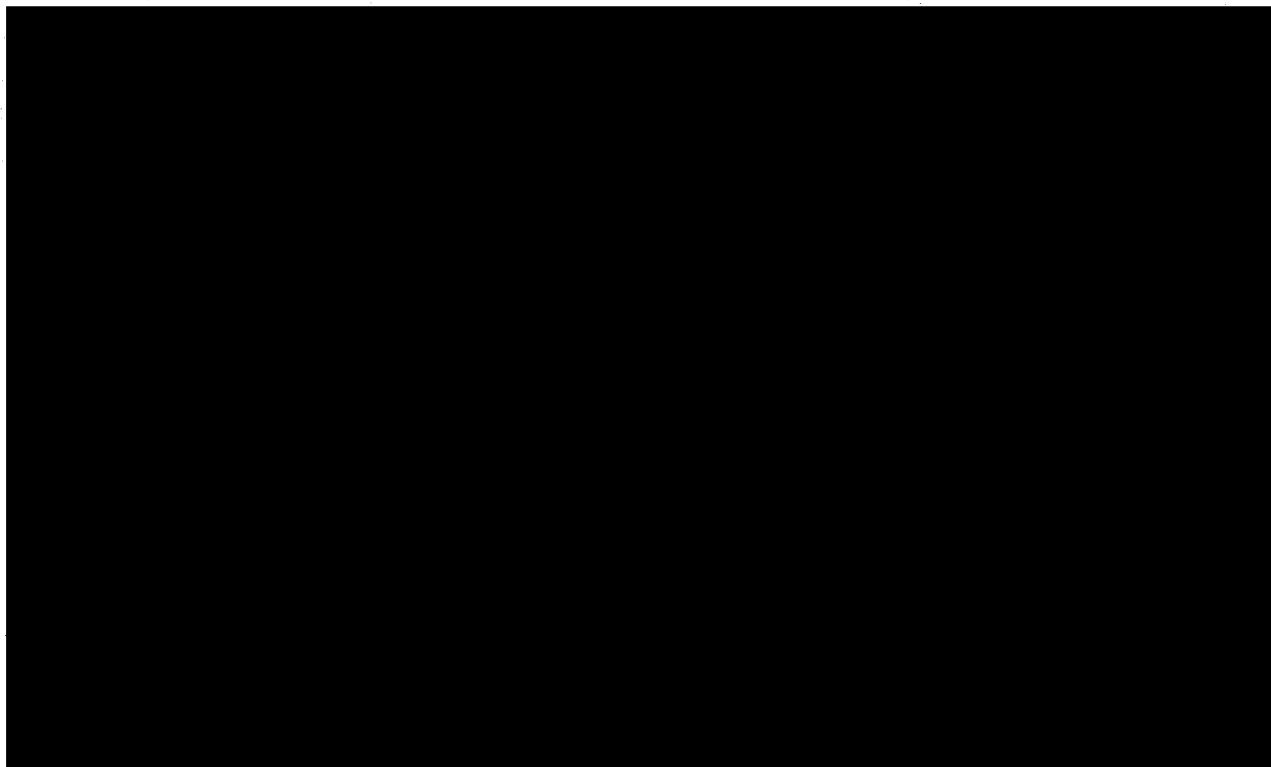
6. GEOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS (GBs): (samples attached) In this series are collected short special support or special reporting studies that are of routine interest to research, estimates, and planning activities in the Government. Examples are Rice in South Vietnam, Accessibility of Selected Unidentified Soviet Installations, and Current Trends in Soviet Antarctic Interests and Activities (issued in 1964 under a "Support Study" heading). Dissemination of GBs having general interest utilizes the GM distribution list. Most GBs are narrowly oriented, however, and are distributed to a restricted audience. In all cases, the report is designed to publish newly available, timely geographic data and analysis bearing on continuing intelligence questions.

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5. CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION PRODUCTION: As a support function, the Cartography Division is requested by components of the Agency and the Department of State to provide graphic support for a wide range of activities associated with the requirements of the Intelligence Community and high-level components in Government. Only a minimal amount of work is self-initiated and then usually in response to internal Division support requirements or to fill a glaring map intelligence gap. Some initiated work is a response to and in support of the Map Library Division and its support function. During FY 1965 the Cartography Division completed 3917 maps, charts, and other graphic items. It is estimated that of this number approximately 20% were made available for general distribution outside the Agency. To categorize cartographic work it is necessary to list the programs in broad, general terms, recognizing that the Division produces many items which are used for a variety of purposes.

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a. Special Thematic Maps for Reports: This category includes maps prepared for DDP operational use, Handbooks, geographic, economic, political or ethnic reports, special component publications, such as, the OCI Daily and Weekly, ORR Current Support Briefs, CGS Handbooks and many others. Copies of many maps in this group are sent to the Map Library for general distribution. A large part of Division map production for the Department of State falls in this category.

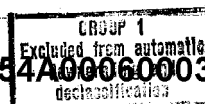
b. Indochina Map Fello: This fello was prepared on direct request by the DCI and the limited number of copies produced were distributed to high-level officials of the U. S. and foreign governments. Additional copies, both bound and unbound, were put on distribution in the Map Library. The fello was a collection of up-to-date maps on Indochina and was designed to provide current map information for use in high-level planning.

c. Wall Maps: Sometime ago the Division was requested by ONE to produce a series of wall maps for use in briefing the USIB. In addition the Division has self-initiated a more substantive wall map on "hot" spots of the world (China, South America, USSR, Africa and the Middle East) which fill a Community-wide need. These maps are available to requesters from the Map Library Division.

d. Base Maps: Since the Division is responsible for producing country scale base maps for the National Intelligence Survey, there is a continuing requirement to produce base maps of new countries and to update those which have been done. The result of this program is a series of page-size and larger scale base maps of all countries of the world. This program is of special significance to the Cartography Division since it provides the means of preparing many other maps on a rush basis and with a minimum expenditure of man-hours. In addition to the NIS requirement, the Division prepares continent and regional bases for internal use. All of these bases result in printed copy and reproducible being made available to the Community.

e. Nomographs for Determining Earth Satellite Positions: This program and category of production involves the preparation of special plotting projections for use by FMSAC/DD/S&T in overhead surveillance work. These and similar series of special projections have been made available to other Government agencies on a limited basis.

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f. City Plans: In cooperation with DIA/AMS, CD/BI is responsible for preparing overlay material and processing through PSD a series of City Plans [REDACTED]

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g. Administrative Maps: This category of map is produced in support of economic and political reports. General^{ly} unclassified, this type map is used in Background Notes, Border Study Reports, the NIS and for a variety of other purposes. They are made available for distribution through the Map Library Division.

h. Graphic Illustrations and Briefing Materials: This category encompasses high-level requests for support of all kinds of briefings from inter-office to the White House. Usually one item is produced and is not duplicated for general distribution. In this category, also, falls vu-graphs and other types of visual aids.

i. Chart and Graph Support: This category of work covers requirements for support of economic, scientific and technical reports and represents a sizable part of our work. Distribution is usually by insertion in report.

9. Map Library: By charter, the Map Library maintains a map reference service for the Intelligence Community. Its service is unique in that the dissemination is almost exclusively of Agency produced maps on all areas and subjects. In calendar year 1965 the dissemination was approximately as follows: DIA 22,000; other DoD 180,000; State 75,000; Foreign Service 17,000; other government agencies 25,000. In addition, the Map Library has a loan collection against which DIA is the heaviest borrower.

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Enclosures:

1. Attachment 1
2. Attachment 2
3. Sample Geographic Reports
4. Sample Maps (Codeword-u/s/c)

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